

State of the DoD Pharmacy Benefit Process & Implementation



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Objectives

- **Describe the DoD P&T process**
- **Describe and discuss recent Uniform Formulary decisions and their impact on MTFs**
- **Describe resources available to MTFs to support local Uniform Formulary implementation plans**

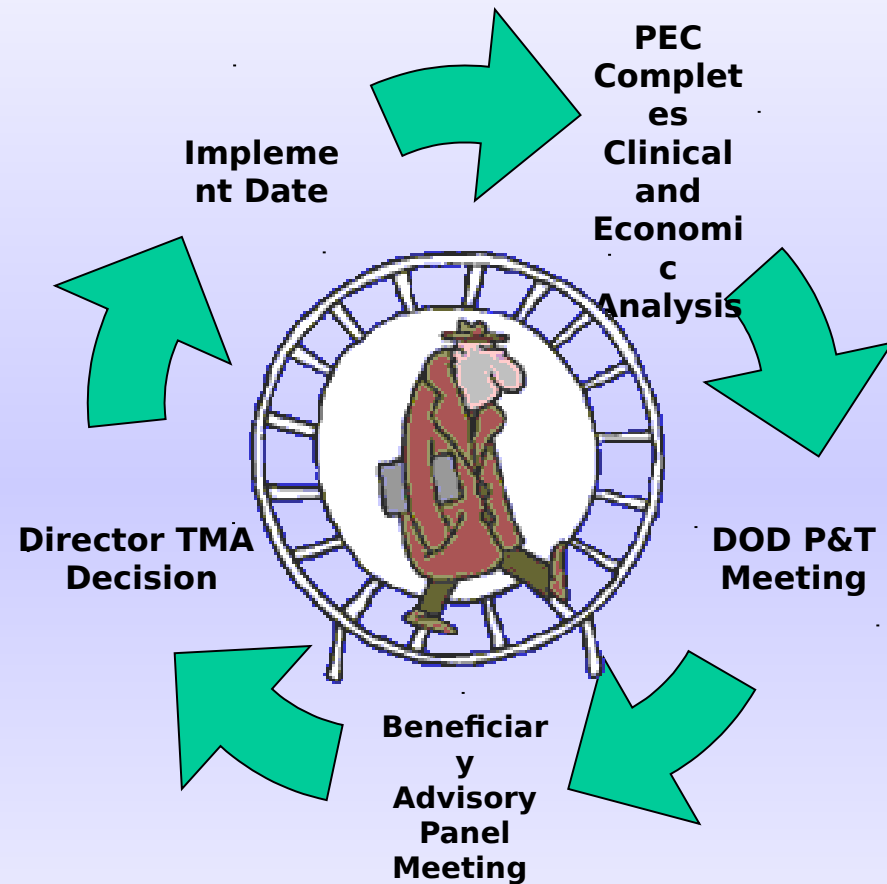


DoD Formulary Management Players

- **DoD P&T Committee**
- **Beneficiary Advisory Panel**
- **PEC**
 - **Clinical Operations**
 - **Pharmacy Operations Center**
- **Services**
- **MTF**
 - **Commander**
 - **P&T Committee**
 - **Providers**
 - **Pharmacies**
- **Director, TMA**
- **TMA Pharmacy Program Office**
- **TMA Contracting / DSCP**
- **TRICARE Contracts**
 - **Express Scripts (TMOP, TRRX support staff)**
 - **Medical**
- **Patients (beneficiaries)**
- **Pharmaceutical Industry**



Uniform Formulary Decision Cycle

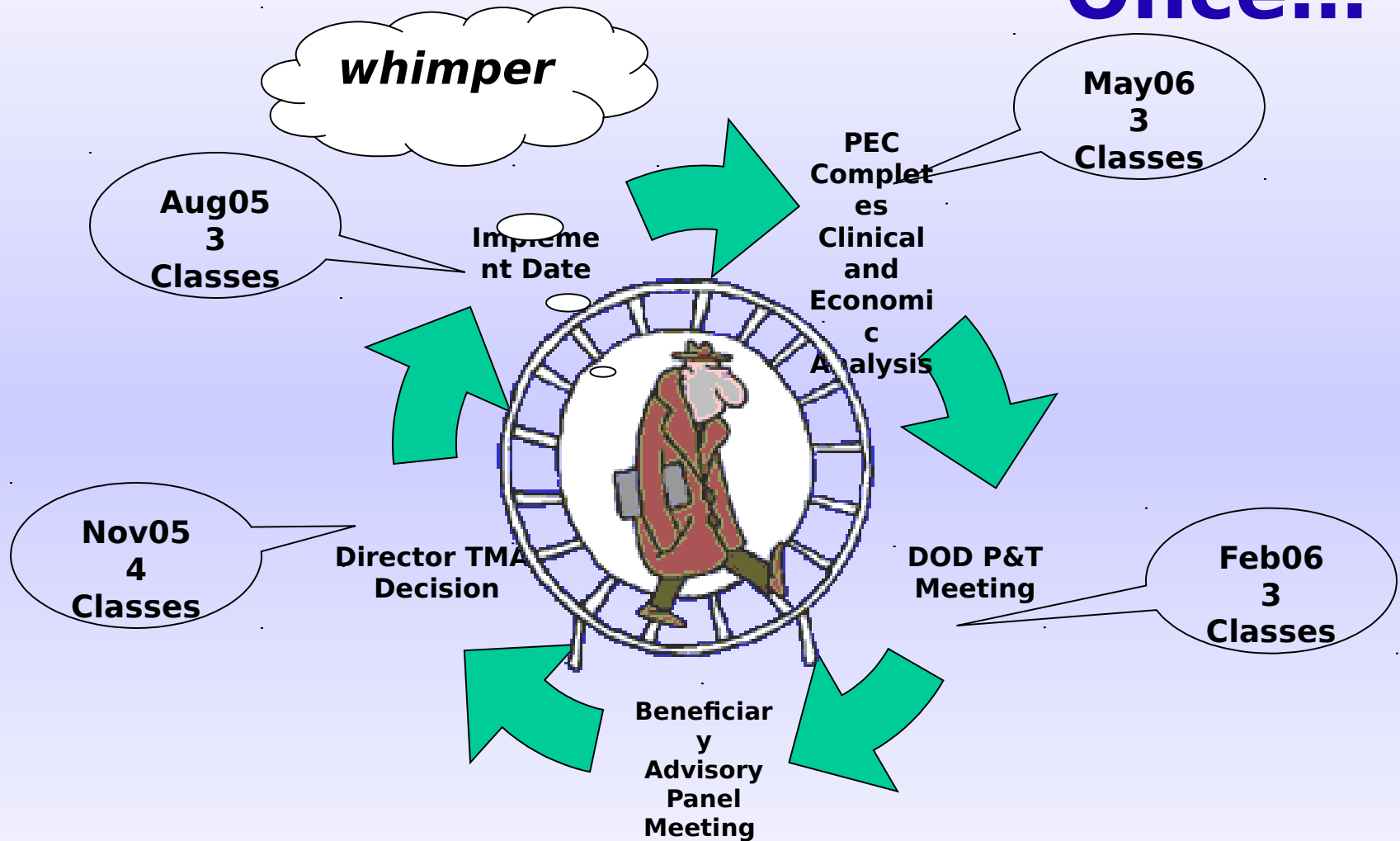


90-Day Decision Cycle

- Preliminary review (T-180)
- P&T Committee meets (T-90)
 - Defines class, BCF or ECF
- Request for Pricing Info (T-75)
- Price Quotes Received (T-20)
- P&T Committee meets (T)
 - Final review, recommendations
- BAP meets (T+45)
 - Comments to TMA
- TMA Director reviews & signs minutes (T+60)
- Implementation of decisions (no later than T+240)



Everything Happens at Once...



Drug Class Review Process

- **Defined in UF Final Rule**
 - **Clinical Effectiveness**
 - **Cost Effectiveness**
- **Takes into consideration usefulness across entire MHS**
- **Formulary Management Tools**
 - **3rd tier (NF at MTF, \$22 at Mail & Retail)**
 - **Prior Authorization**
 - **Quantity Limits**
 - **BCF / ECF**



Clinical Effectiveness

- **How a drug compares within its class**
- **Extensive review of evidence**
- **Overall clinical utility or usefulness**
 - **Safety, tolerability, efficacy/effectiveness**
 - **Provider opinion**
 - **Clinical coverage**
 - **Therapeutic interchangeability**
- **How many do you need?**



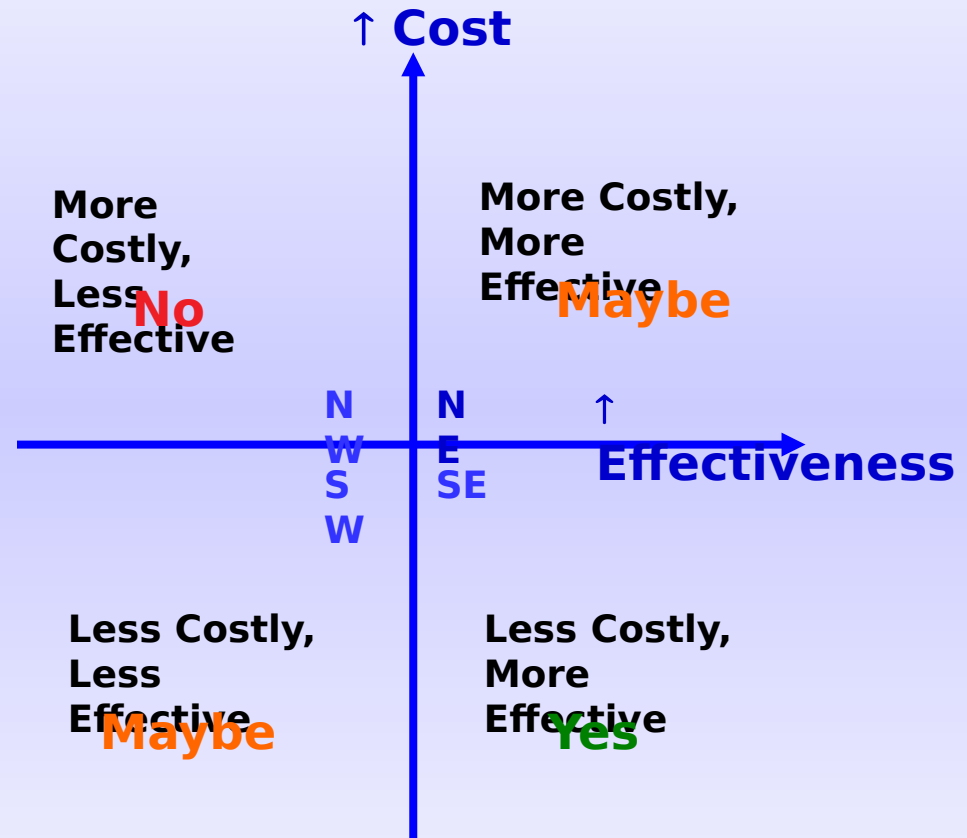
Cost Effectiveness

- **Cost across MTFs, Mail Order & Retail Network**
- **Pharmacoeconomic analysis**
 - Primarily cost effectiveness analyses
 - Weigh cost and clinical attributes of individual medications
 - Sensitivity analyses to account for variability
- **Budget impact analysis**
 - Market share migration
 - Cost of Medical Necessity determinations
 - Copay differences
 - Switch costs
- **How much are you willing to pay?**



Uniform Formulary Recommendations

- Balance clinical and cost effectiveness = formulary status
- Non-formulary drugs less clinically and/or less cost-effective
- Value judgment
- MTFs part of overall system



The Cost Effectiveness Plane



Implementing the Uniform Formulary

- **One class at a time**
 - Not 'on' UF until class reviewed
- **New FDA-approved drugs**
 - May prompt UF review
 - If class already reviewed, compared to least clinically or cost effective UF drug
- **BCF/ECF**
 - BCF or ECF designation applies to class, NOT individual drug
 - BCF / ECF agents selected from UF agents after UF review



How are Drug Classes Scheduled for UF Review?

- **Economic impact (\$\$\$)**
- **Existing contracts**
- **Competitive nature of class**
- **Significant clinical developments**
 - **New drugs**
 - **New clinical evidence**
- **80 / 20 rule**
- **When to re-review?**



UF Decisions, Feb & May 05

	Class FY05 rank, total \$	Implementation (decision date - implementation date)	Uniform Formulary		BCF / ECF
			On UF	NF	
Feb 05	PPIs #2, \$418M	18 Apr 05 - 17 Jul 05 (90 days)	omeprazole lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole	esomeprazole	BCF omeprazole, rabeprazole
	ARBs #10, \$136M	18 Apr 05 - 17 Jul 05 (90 days)	candesartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, valsartan & combos with HCTZ	eprosartan / +HCTZ	BCF telmisartan / +HCTZ
May 05	MS-DMDs #31, \$48M	-	Avonex, Rebif, Betaseron, Copaxone	-	ECF Avonex
	Topical AF #81, \$12M	14 Jul 05 - 17 Aug 05 (30 days)	butenafine, clotrimazole, ketoconazole, miconazole, naftifine, nystatin	ciclopirox, econazole, oxiconazole, sertaconazole, sulconazole	BCF clotrimazole nystatin
	PDE-5s #41, \$35M	14 Jul 05 - 12 Oct 05 (90 days)	ildenafil (Levitra)	sildenafil (Viagra), tadalafil (Cialis)	ECF sildenafil (Levitra)

UF Decisions, Aug 05

	Class FY05 rank, total \$	Implementation (decision date - implementation date)	Uniform Formulary		BCF / ECF
			On UF	NF	
Aug 05	ACEIs #17, \$74M	3 Oct 05 - 15 Feb 06 (120 days)	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, fosinopril, lisinopril, trandolapril & combos w/HCTZ	moexipril, perindopril, quinapril, ramipril & combos w/HCTZ	BCF captopril, lisinopril / +HCTZ
	CCBs #11, \$125M	3 Oct 05 - 15 Mar 06 (150 days)	nifedipine, felodipine, nimodipine, nisoldipine, verapamil IR & SR, diltiazem IR, SR, ER (except Cardizem LA)	amlodipine, isradipine, nicardipine, Verelan, Verelan PM, Covera HS, Cardizem LA	BCF Nifedipine ER (Adalat CC) verapamil SR, diltiazem ER (Tiazac)
	α -blockers for BPH #23, \$55M	3 Oct 05 - 15 Feb 06 (120 days)	alfuzosin, doxazosin, terazosin	tamsulosin (Flomax)	BCF alfuzosin terazosin

UF Recommendations, Nov 05

	Class FY05 rank, total \$	Implementation (decision date - implementation date)	Uniform Formulary		BCF / ECF
			On UF	NF	
Nov 05	Alzheimer Meds #19, \$69M	? (90 days)	donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine, memantine	tacrine	ECF donepezil
	Nasal Steroids #21, \$66M	? (90 days)	flunisolide, fluticasone, mometasone	beclomethasone, budesonide, triamcinolone	BCF fluticasone
	AD1s #3, \$290M	? (180 days)	citalopram, fluoxetine (except NF products), fluvoxamine, paroxetine IR, sertraline, venlafaxine, nefazodone, trazodone, bupropion IR & SR, mirtazapine	escitalopram, duloxetine, Paxil CR, Prozac Weekly, Sarafem, Wellbutrin XL	BCF bupropion SR, citalopram, fluoxetine (except NF products), sertraline, trazodone
	Macrolide/ Ketolide	? (60 days)	azithromycin (except Zmax), clarithromycin	Zmax, telithromycin	BCF azithro 250-mg, at least 1



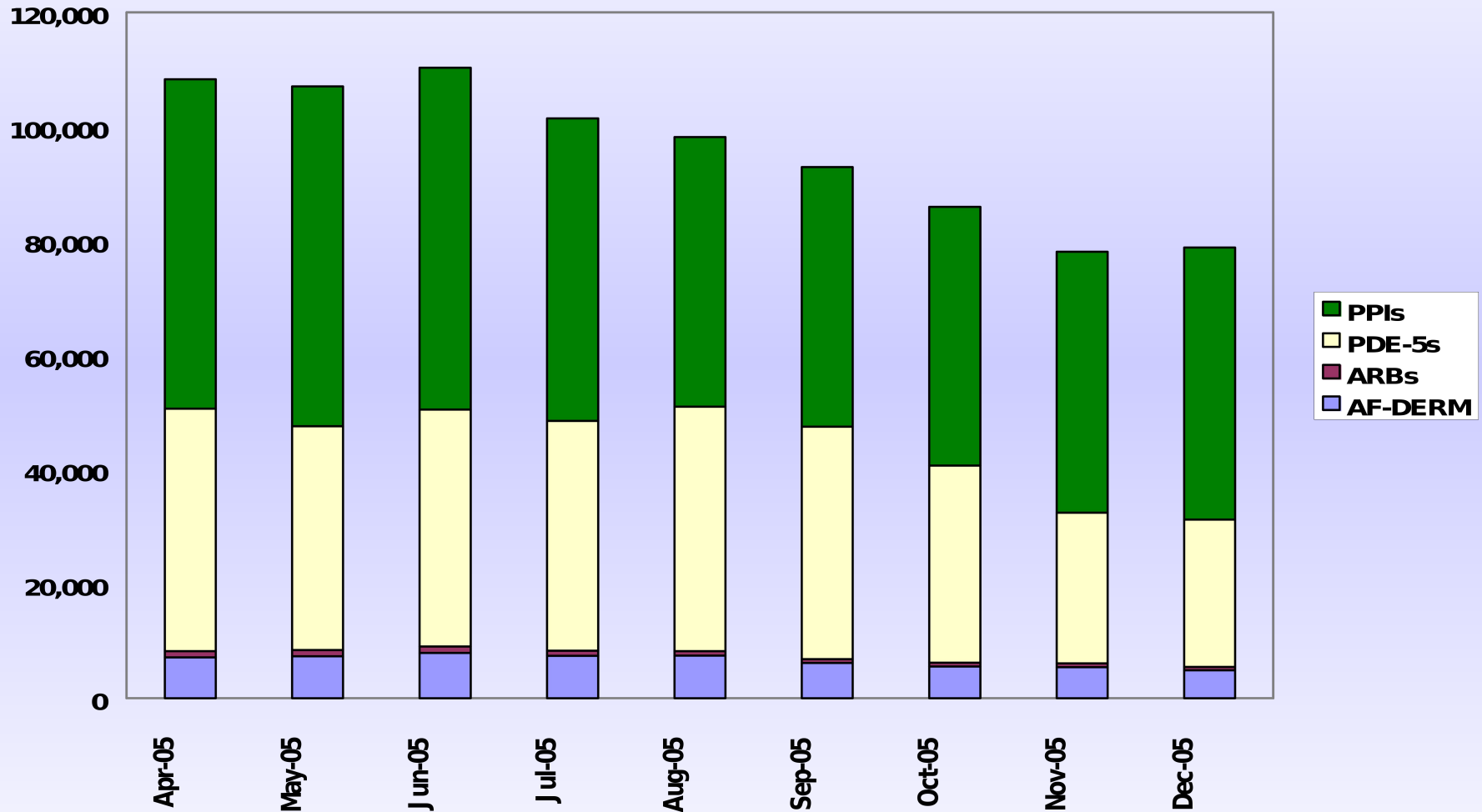
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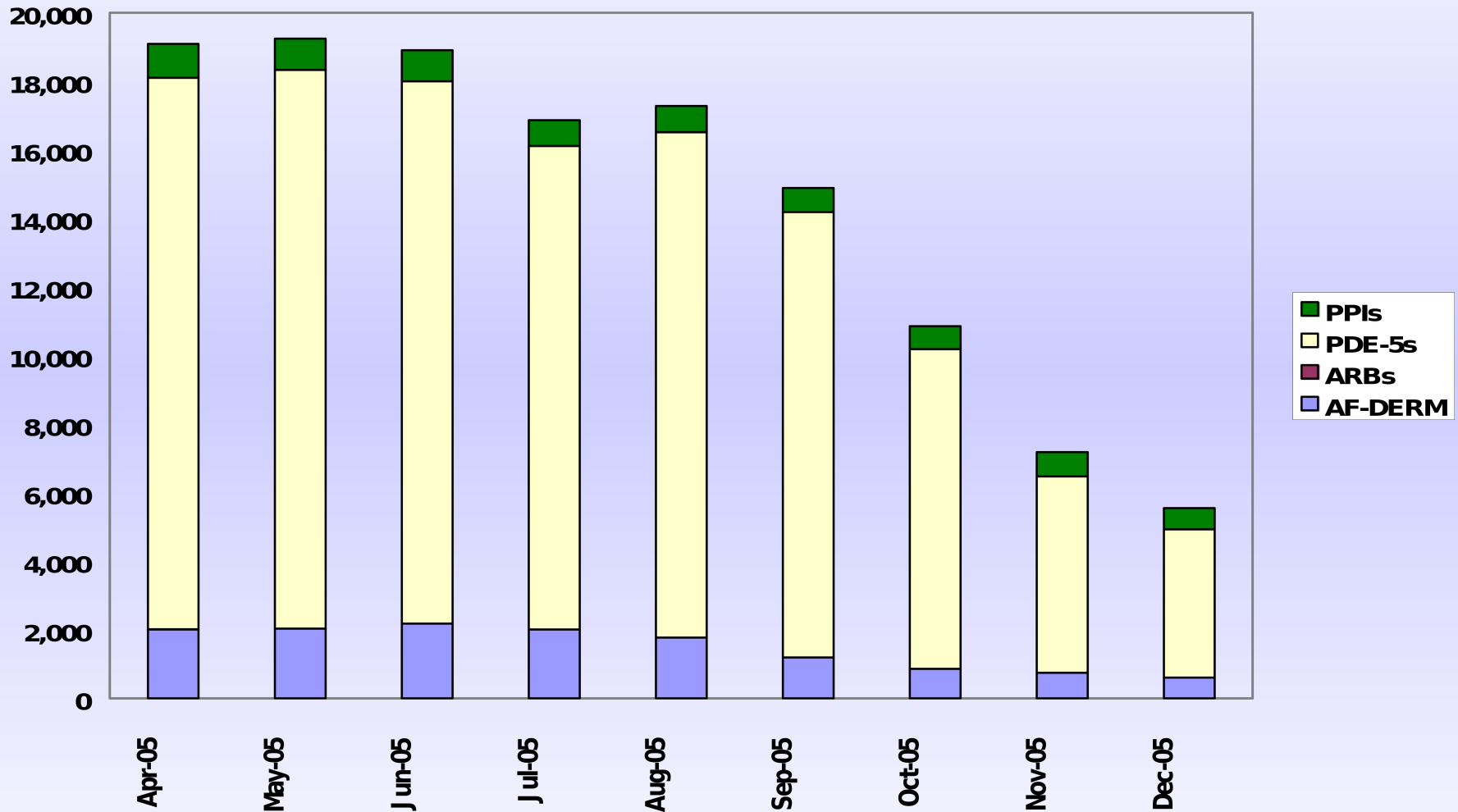
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All DoD = MTF + Mail Order + Retail



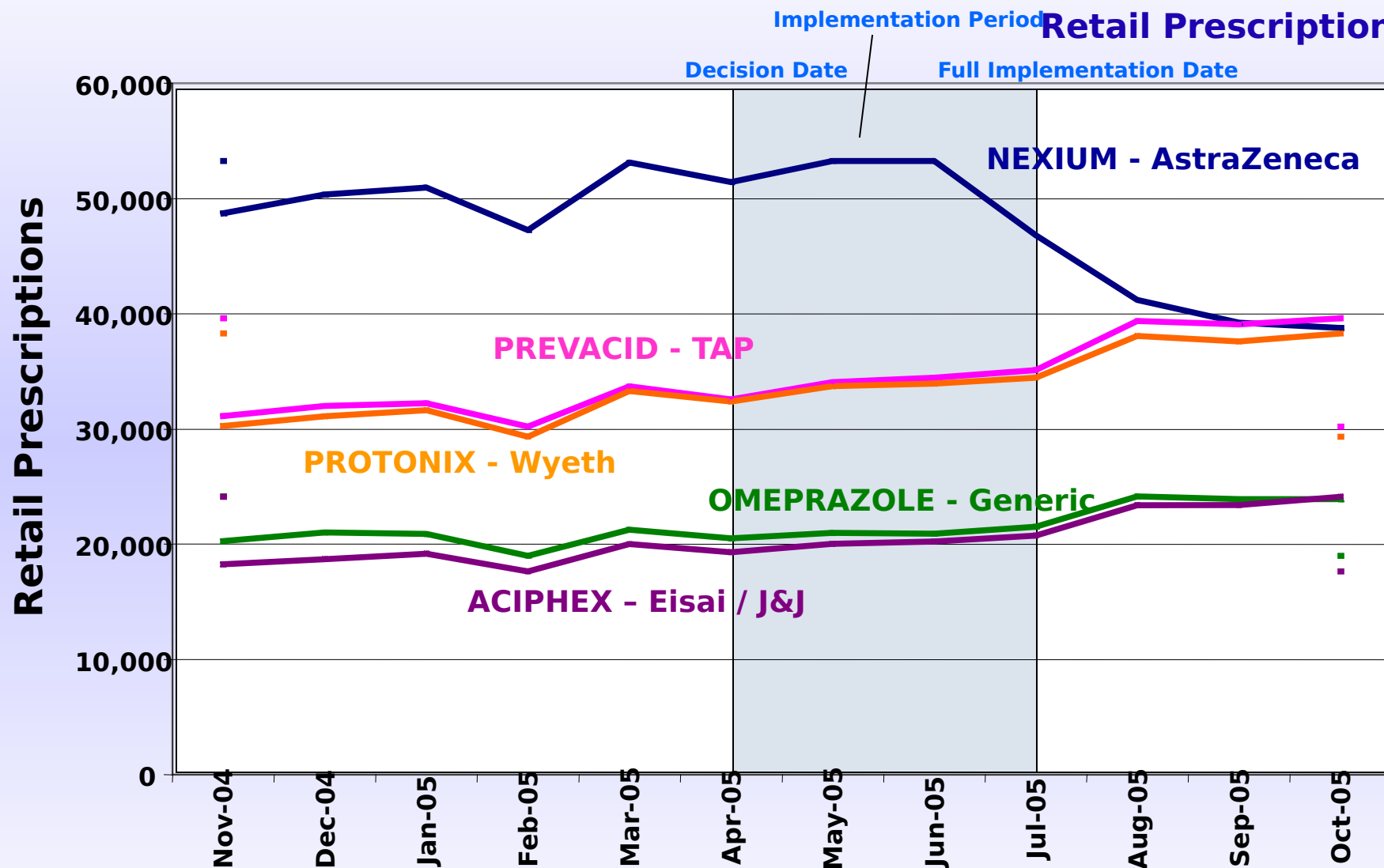
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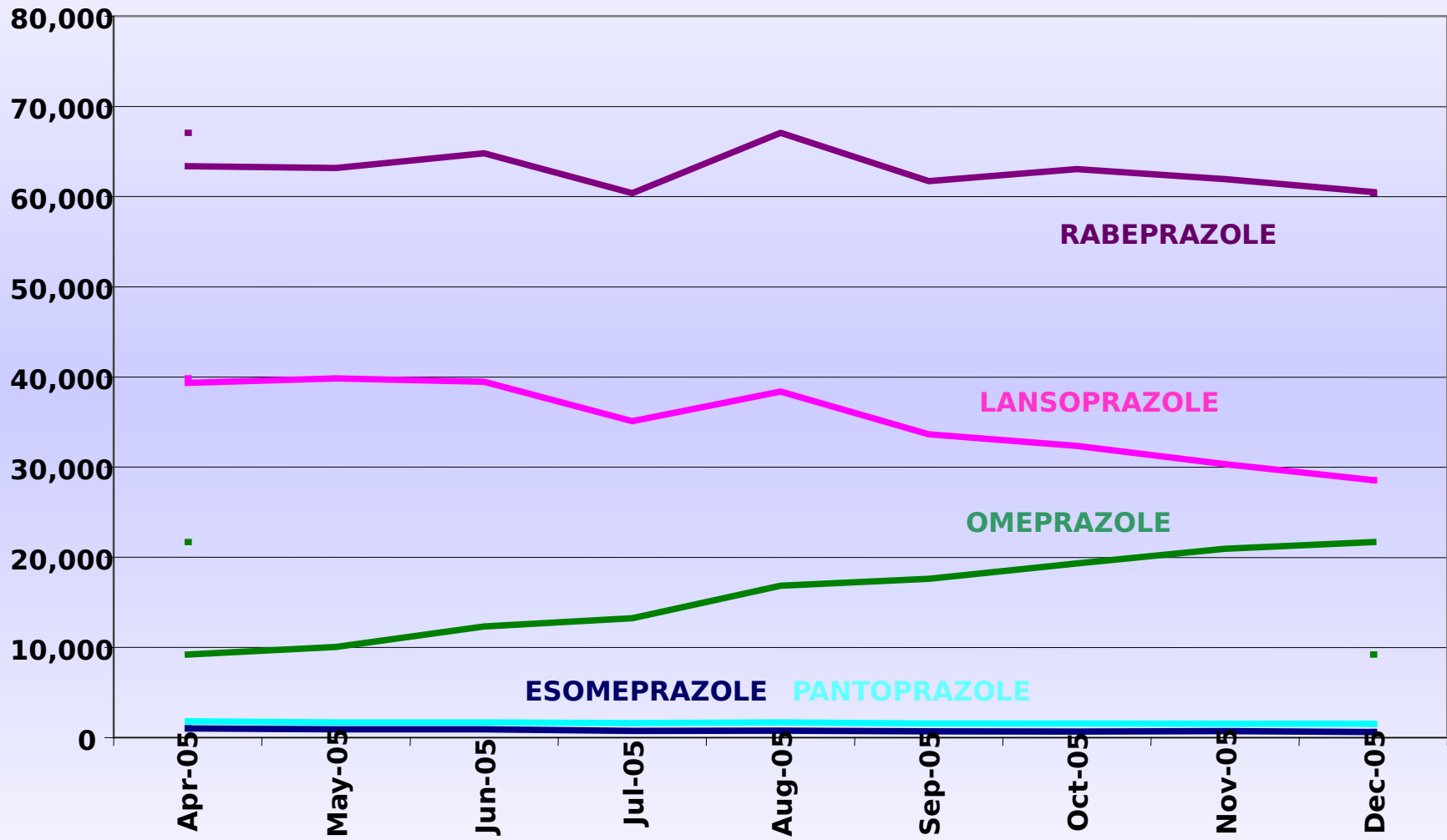
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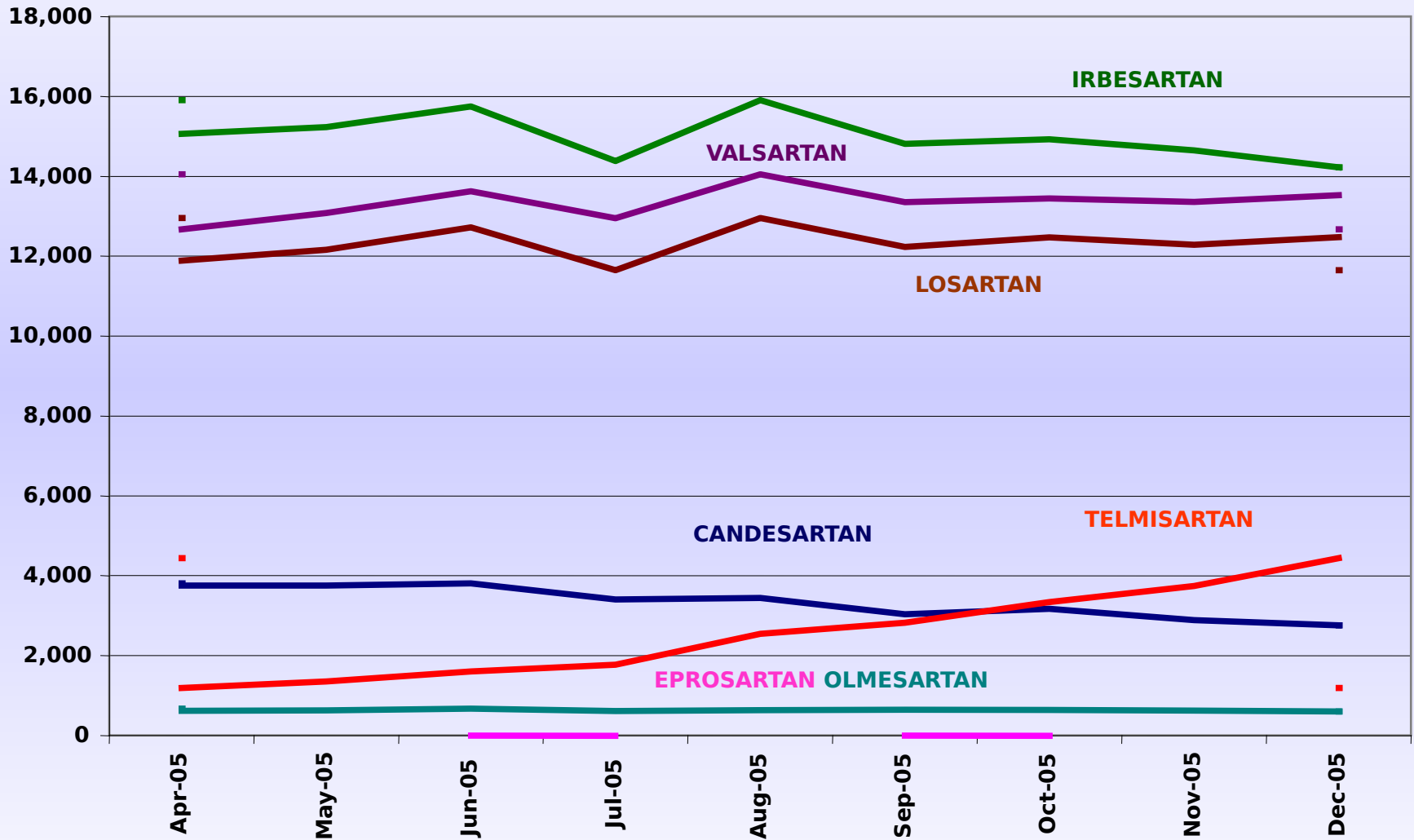
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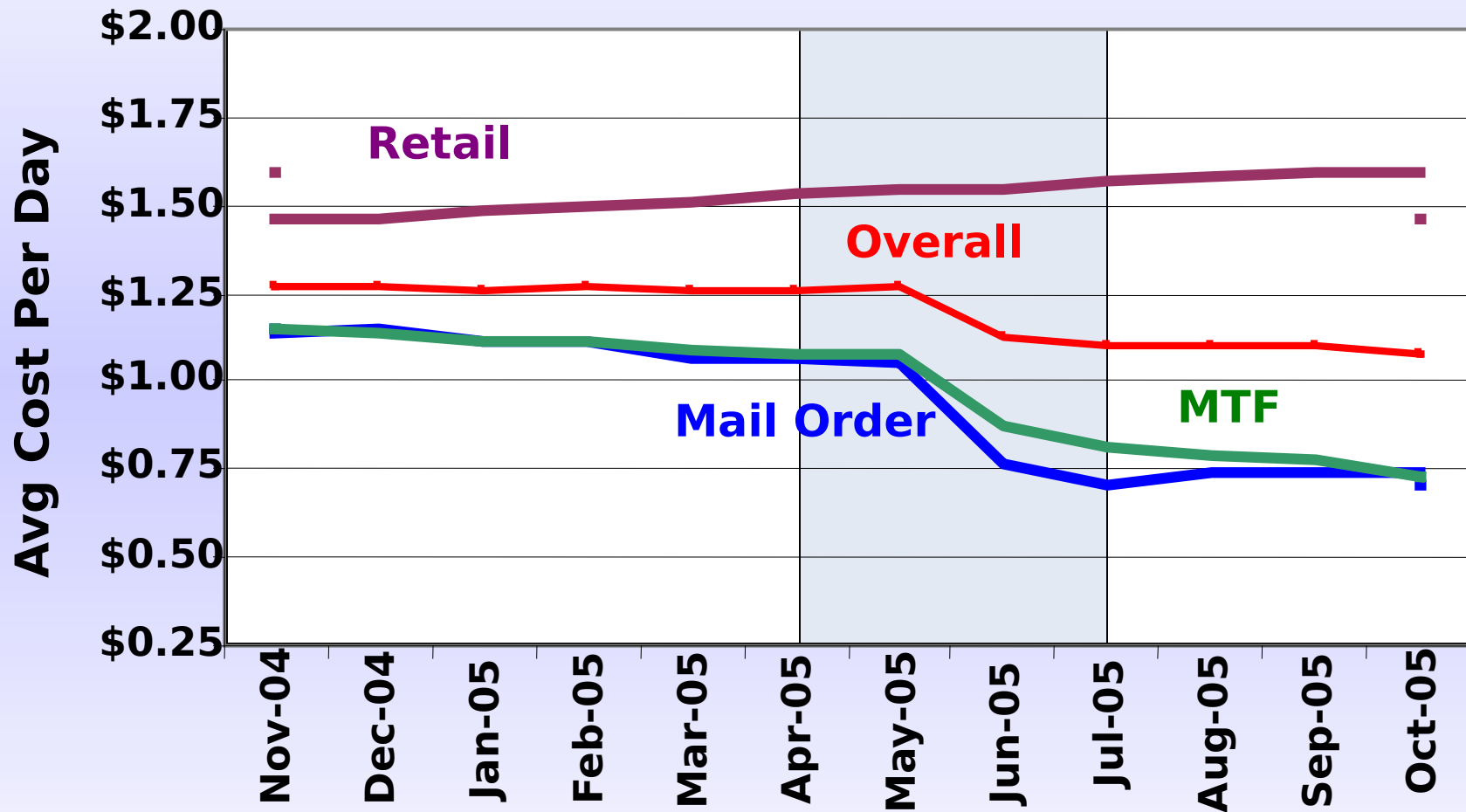
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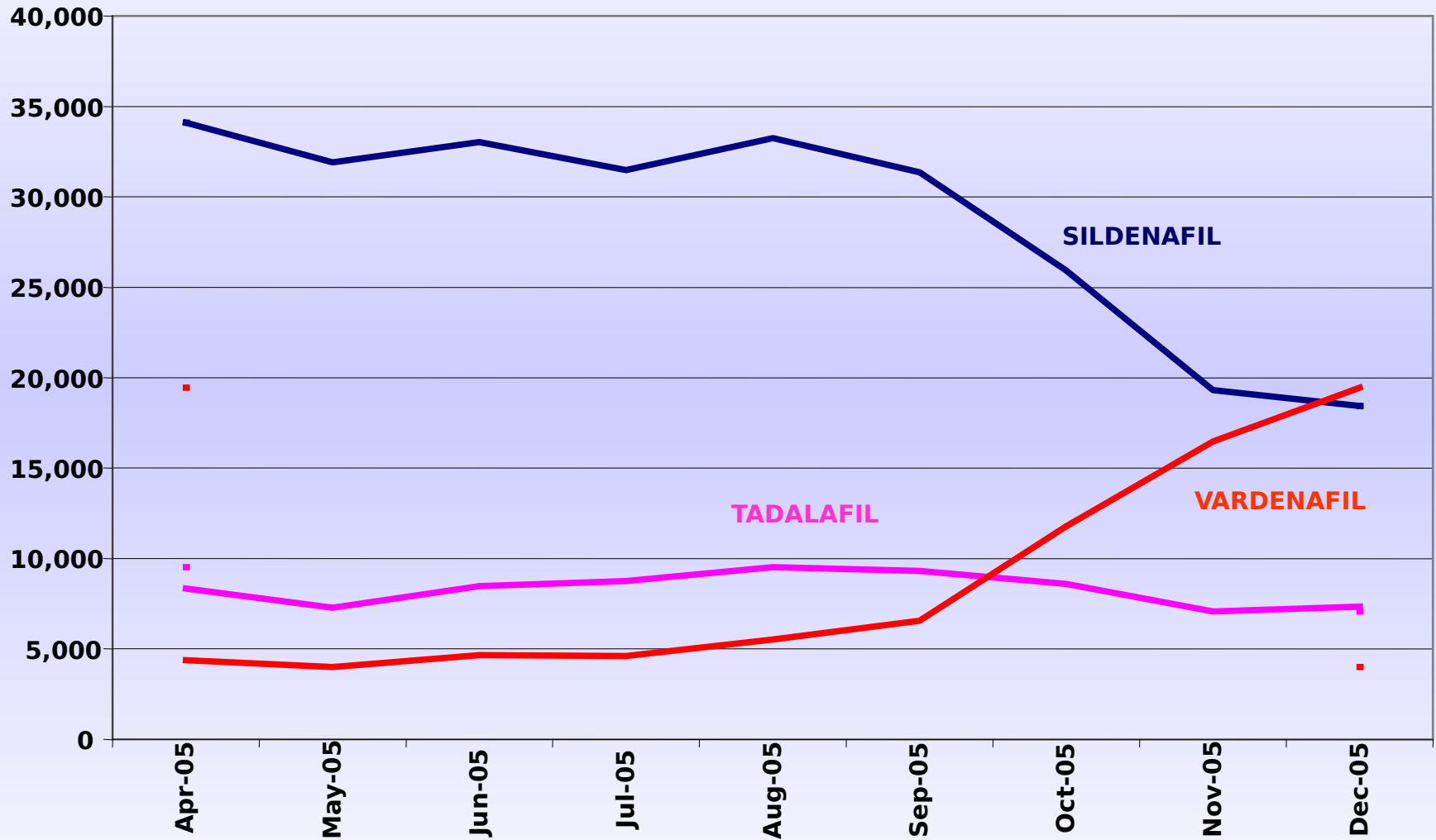
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Cost Per Day of Therapy - All DoD



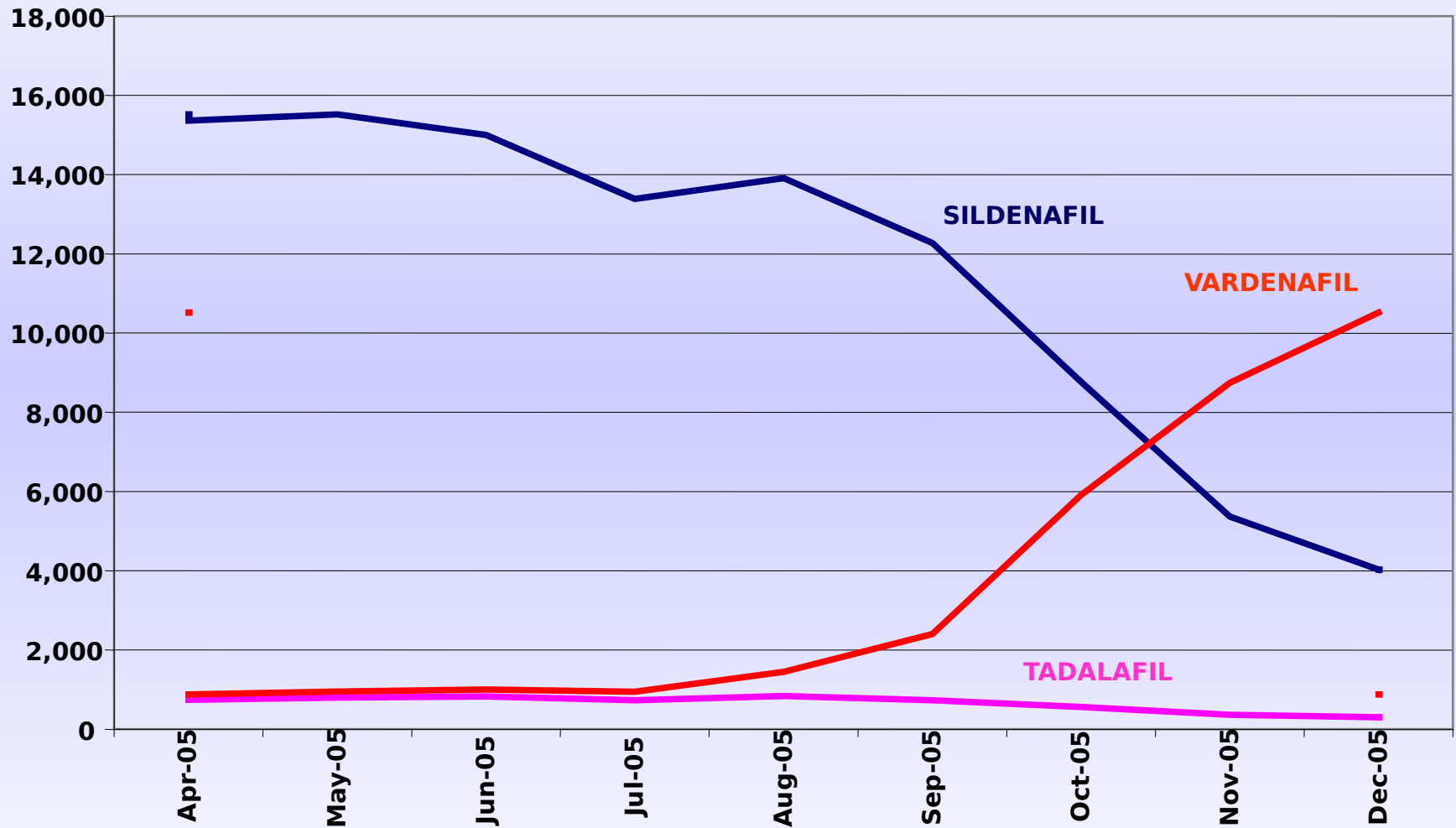
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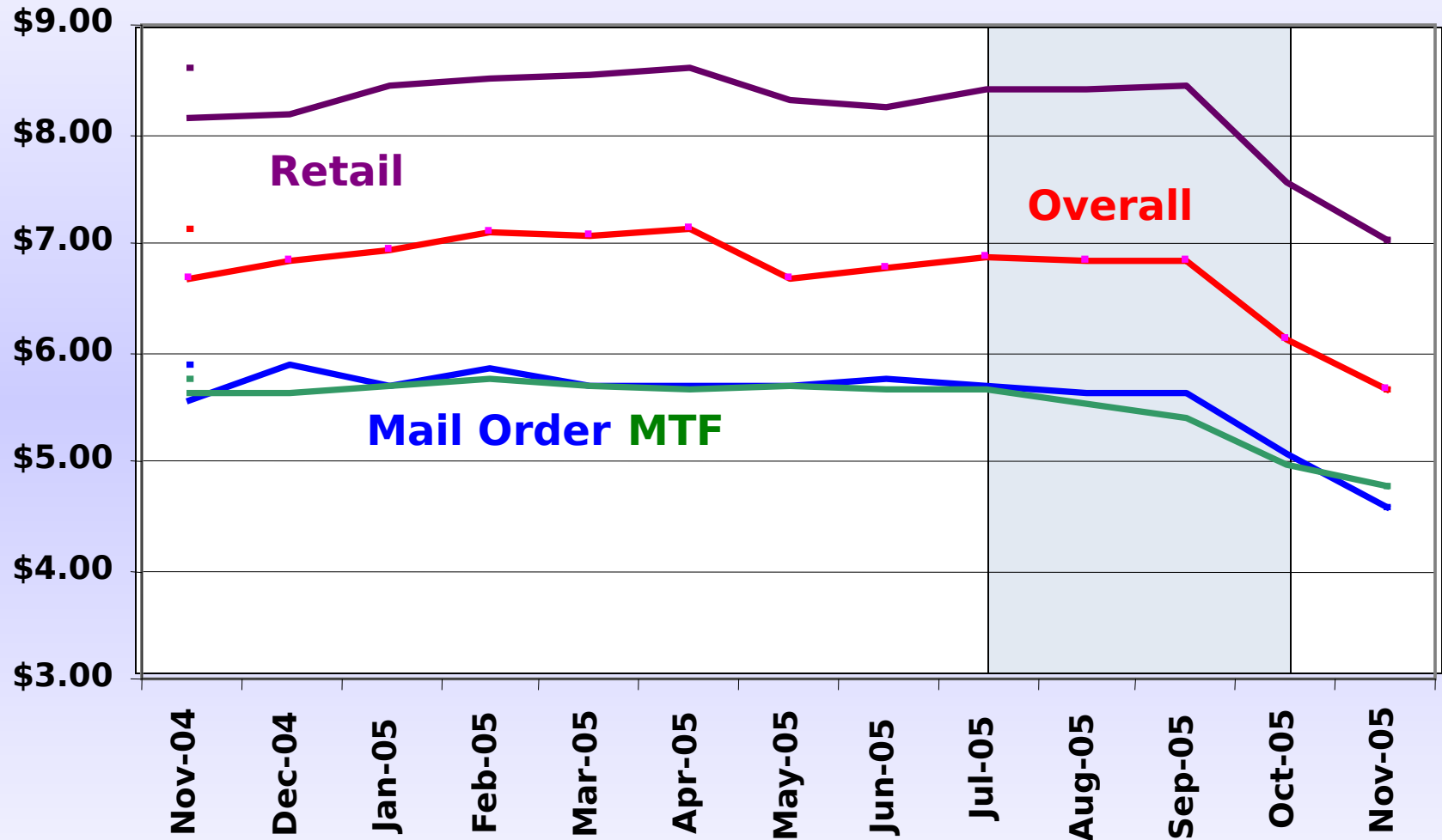
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MTF Prescriptions



PDE-5s

Cost Per Tablet - All Points of Service



- **Pharmacy Administration Cost Evaluation Reports**
- **Reports drug use and costs**
- **Compared to other MTFs**
- **Pilot project**
- **27 selected MTFs**
- **5 drug classes**
 - **PPIs, ARBs, PDE-5s, CCBs, ACEs**



MTF Resources For UF Implementation - People

- **Chain of Command**
 - **MTF Commanders**
 - **Service consultants**
- **DSCP**
 - **Local pricing or prime vendor issues**
- **TMA Pharmacy Program Office**
 - **Policy, TRICARE contract issues**
- **PEC**
 - **Clinical**
 - **MTF support documents**
 - **Direct dialog (phone / email)**
 - **POC**
 - **How do I know if MN or PA or QL exception already approved?**



MTF Resources For UF Implementation - Websites

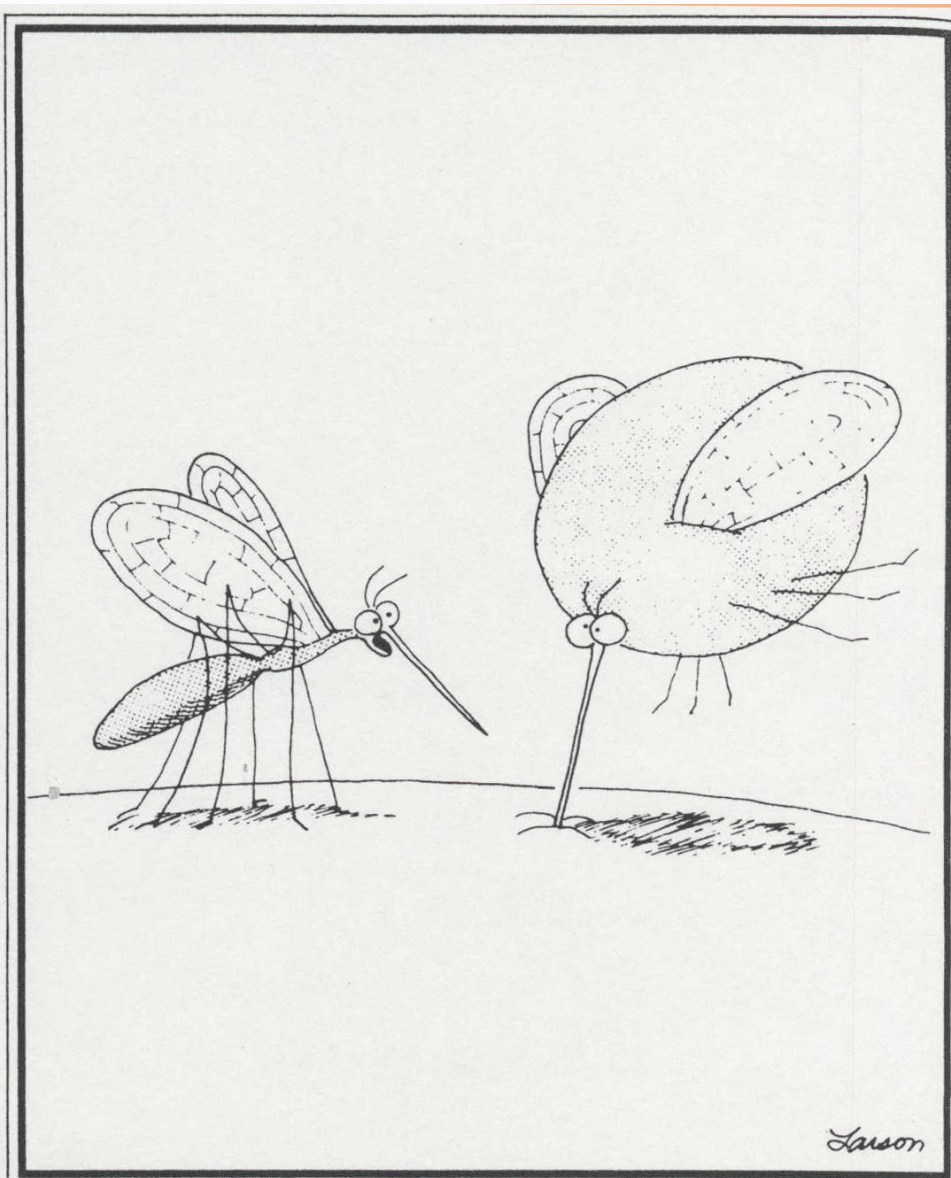
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 - DoD P&T Committee review schedule
 - PACER reports
 - RxNet - www.dodrxnet.org
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"Pull out, Betty! Pull out! . . . You've hit an artery!"

Summary

- **Uniform Formulary is here**
- **Changes are coming quickly**
- **MTF support of UF decisions is the law, but is also vital to success**
- **PEC is committed to provide MTF implementation support through multiple venues - but we can't do it alone.**



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Welcome to the TRICARE Pharmacy website. TRICARE provides a world-class, comprehensive pharmacy benefit. We strive to offer you a flexible, convenient and affordable pharmacy program that ensures you and your family top-of-the-line customer service and products.

Update:[TRICARE and Medicare Part D](#)

Starting January 1, 2006, the new Medicare prescription drug coverage becomes available to everyone with Medicare. Because TRICARE Pharmacy is creditable coverage, TRICARE beneficiaries are not required to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

For answers to questions regarding your pharmacy benefit such as:

1. What medications are available?
2. How much is my cost share?
3. Where can I go to get a prescription filled?

Use our new [Formulary Search Tool](#) to find these answers as well as other information for specific medications, including injectables and over-the-counter (OTC) medications.





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Medications Requiring Prior Authorization or Other Provider Verification

Your healthcare provider must submit additional information in order for you to obtain the following medications:

- [Medications with prior authorization criteria established by the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee](#)
- [Brand name medications with generic equivalents](#)
- [Medications with age limitations](#)
- [Medications with special limitations that apply only to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy \(TMOP\)](#)

Medications with Prior Authorization Criteria Established by the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

Prior authorization forms may be used for prescriptions filled either through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) or through retail network pharmacies under the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy (TRRx) Program. You do not need to submit multiple forms because prior authorization approvals apply to both the TMOP and retail network pharmacies. Instructions for submitting prior authorization requests are included at the top of the forms. If you have questions, please call [Mail Order Customer Service](#) or [Retail Customer](#)



Main Order Pharmacy

- Contact Info
- Retail Pharmacy Program
- Contact Info

P&T Committee

- Future Meeting Dates
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Program Information for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Pharmacy Data Transaction Service (PDS)

Pharmacy Related Links and Additional Resources

 Hurricane Information on Pharmacy

Brand Name Click for prior authorization criteria	Generic Name	Forms Adobe Acrobat (PDF) Format	Notes
Cialis	Tadalafil	PDF	Prior authorization not required for coverage of PDE-5 inhibitors for erectile dysfunction for male patients 50 years of age or older. Quantity limits apply to all patients. Prior authorization approvals for this medication are good for as long as you require the medication.
Enbrel	Etanercept	PDF	Prior authorization approvals for this medication are good for as long as you require the medication.
Fertility Medications	Injectable gonadotropins	PDF	Injectable gonadotropins (follitropin alfa, follitropin beta, menotropins, urofollitropin). Brand names include Gonal-F, Follistim, Follistim AQ, Humegon, Menopur, Pergonal, Repronex, Fertinex, and Bravelle. Prior authorization approvals for these medications are good for a year.
Growth Hormone	Somatropin, somatrem	PDF	Brand names include Humatrope, Genotropin, Norditropin, Norditropin Depot, Saizen, Serostim, Protropin, Tev-Tropin, Nutropin, Nutropin AQ, and Zorbtive. Prior authorization approvals for these medications are good for a year.
Humira	Adalimumab	PDF	Prior authorization approvals for this medication are good for as long as you require the medication.
Kineret	Anakinra	PDF	Prior authorization approvals for this medication are good for as long as you require the medication.
Lamisil	Terbinafine	PDF	Prior authorizations for antifungal medications used for fungal infections of the fingernails or toenails must be approved for each new course of therapy.
Levitra	Vardenafil	PDF	Prior authorization not required for coverage of PDE-5 inhibitors for erectile dysfunction for male patients 50 years of age or older. Quantity limits apply to all patients. Prior authorization approvals for this medication are good for as long as you require the medication.
			Ciclopirox prior authorization applies to Penlac Nail Lacquer only, and does not apply to other



Address  http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/quant_limits.cfm

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General Formulary Information

Quantity Limits

The DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has established quantity limits on certain medications, which means that DoD will pay only for up to a specified quantity per 30-, 60-, or 90-day period. In addition, some medications have limitations on the days supply of medication that may be dispensed to a patient at any one time. These limits are applied to address the problem of overuse of medications that can be unsafe for the patient and costly to the government. Exceptions to established quantity or days supply limits can be made if the prescribing physician is able to justify medical necessity.

Quantity limits for specific medications may be found by using the [Formulary Search Tool](#).

Days Supply of Medication

- Retail network pharmacies** generally dispense no more than a 30-day supply of medication. For most medications, supplies exceeding 30 days may be obtained from retail pharmacies by paying an additional cost share/cost share for each additional 30-day supply, up to a 90-day supply (3 cost shares/cost shares). For example, up to 30-day supply = 1 cost share, 31-60 days supply = 2 cost shares, 61-90 days supply = 3 cost shares.
- The TRICARE Mail Order Program (TMOP)** generally dispenses no more than a 90-day supply of medication.

   Internet

Listing by Category

Note: Drugs are listed by generic name. Brand name(s) are supplied in parentheses for convenience only. Quantity limits apply to both brand name and generic versions of listed medications.

Quick Reference		
Antiemetics Antimigraine Drugs	Controlled Substances Erectile Dysfunction Agents Fertility Agents Miscellaneous	Nasal Inhalers Oral Inhalers and Inhalant Solutions Topicals

Antiemetics		
Drug	TMOP Limits	Retail Pharmacy Limits
Aprepitant (Emend) convenience packs	6 packs per 90 days	2 packs per 30 days
Aprepitant (Emend) 80 mg capsules	12 capsules per 90 days	4 capsules per 30 days
Aprepitant (Emend) 125 mg capsules	6 capsules per 90 days	2 capsules per 30 days
Granisetron (Kytril) 1mg tablets	24 tablets per 90 days	8 tablets per 30 days
Ondansetron (Zofran) (Zofran; Zofran ODT) 4 and 8 mg tablets and orally disintegrating tablets	45 tablets per 90 days	15 tablets per 30 days
Dolasetron (Anzemet) 50 and 100 mg tablets	15 tablets per 90 days	5 tablets per 30 days
Antimigraine Drugs		
Drug	TMOP Limits	Retail Pharmacy Limits
Almotriptan (Axert) 6.25 and 12.5 mg tablets	36 tablets per 90 days	12 tablets per 30 days
Dihydroergotamine (Migranal) 1 mL ampules for nasal spray	48 amps per 90 days	16 amps per 30 days
Dihydroergotamine 1 mg/mL		



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Medical Necessity for Non-Formulary Medications

A non-formulary medication can be provided at the formulary cost share if the provider supplies information showing that there is a medical necessity to use the non-formulary medication instead of any of the therapeutic alternatives that are on the Uniform Formulary.

- If you are an active duty service member and medical necessity is approved, then you will be able to obtain the non-formulary medication through any pharmacy point of service at a \$0 cost share. Active duty cost share is always \$0 in all points of service; active duty service members may not fill prescriptions for a non-formulary medication, unless it is determined to be medically necessary.
- If you are a non-active duty service member (spouse, dependent, or retiree) and medical necessity is approved, then you may receive the non-formulary medication at the \$9 formulary cost share at retail network pharmacies and the mail order plan.

Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) will be able to fill non-formulary requests for non-formulary medications only if both of the following conditions are met: 1) a MTF provider writes the prescription, and 2) medical necessity is established for the non-formulary medication. MTFs may (but are not required to) fill a prescription for a non-formulary medication written by a non-MTF provider to whom the patient was referred, as long as medical necessity has been established. Active duty members pay no cost shares, and



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Transaction Service
(PDS)

Pharmacy Related Links
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Medical Necessity Forms & Criteria for Non-Formulary Medications

Brand Name Click for specific medical necessity criteria)	Generic Name ^a	Formulary Alternatives	Medical Necessity Forms (in PDF format)	Effective Date
Norvasc DynaCirc , DynaCirc CR Cardene , Cardene SR	Amlodipine Isradipine Nicardipine	\$3 - generic nifedipine extended release and felodipine \$9 - Sular	PDF	15 Mar 2006
Verelan Verelan PM , Covera HS	Verapamil extended release Verapamil extended release (for bedtime dosing)	\$3 - generic verapamil immediate and sustained release products	PDF	15 Mar 2006
Cardizem LA	Diltiazem extended release (for bedtime dosing)	\$3 - generic diltiazem immediate, sustained, and extended release products	PDF	15 Mar 2006
Flomax	Tamsulosin	\$3 - generic doxazosin, terazosin \$9 - Uroxatral	PDF	15 Feb 2006
Accuretic Uniretic	Quinapril/HCTZ Moexipril/HCTZ	\$3 - generic benazepril/HCTZ, captopril/HCTZ, enalapril/HCTZ, fosinopril/HCTZ, and lisinopril/HCTZ	PDF	15 Feb 2006
Aceon Accupril Altace Univasc	Perindopril Quinapril Ramipril Moexipril	\$3 - generic benazepril, captopril, enalapril, fosinopril, and lisinopril \$9 - Mavik	PDF	15 Feb 2006
Cialis Viagra	Tadalafil Sildenafil	\$9 - Levitra	PDF	12 Oct 2005
Ertaczo Exelderm Loprox Oxistat Spectazole	Sertaconazole Sulconazole Ciclopirox Oxiconazole Econazole	\$3 - generic clotrimazole, ketoconazole, miconazole, and nystatin topical products \$9 -	PDF	17 Aug 2005





Department of Defense Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee



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If you subscribe to this committee webpage, you will receive updates by the Beneficiary Advisory Panel as well as the Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

Minutes from the quarterly meetings of the DoD P&T Committee are available below. Please note that files for the July 2004 and subsequent meetings contain both meeting minutes and the decision paper signed by the Director, TRICARE Management Activity, approving or disapproving the recommendations of the Committee. The July 2004 meeting marked the first meeting under the new **DoD P&T Committee charter**, which established a new membership structure and approval authority. For more information about the DoD P&T Committee's role in managing DoD formularies, please see the **Dec 2004 Health Affairs Policy 04-032, TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit Formulary Management** (clarified **22 Mar 2005**).

August 2005

Minutes and Decision Paper of the DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting, 17-19 Aug 2005 - signed 13 Oct 05

May 2005

Minutes and Decision Paper of the DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting, 17-19 May 2005 - signed 14 July 05

February 2005

Minutes and Decision Paper of the DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting, 15 & 16 February 2005 - signed 18 April 05

July 2004

Minutes and Decision Paper of the DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Meeting, 14 & 15 July 2004 - signed 5 October 04

April 2004

DoD P&T Executive Council Meeting Minutes - April 2004 (PDF file)





Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel

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Welcome to the homepage of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel (BAP)

December 9 Update: Corrected agenda for Dec 16 meeting and Handout added.

BAP Charter

- [DoD BAP Charter - Amended January 26, 2005](#)

Meetings

December 16, 2005

- [Federal Register Notice of Meeting, published November 2, 2005](#)
- [BAP Handout](#)
- [Meeting Agenda - CORRECTED](#)
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Drug Compare for the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit

Formulary Resources

[TRICARE Pharmacy](#)

Select Your Medication or Condition

Check for availability, cost shares/copays, and alternatives.
Select who the medication is for, and then use one of the three options below.

This medication is for:

- ☐ Active duty personnel
☒ Spouse, dependent, or retired military personnel

List of top 200 drugs:

Acetaminophen w/Codeine
Aciphex
Actonel
Actos
Adderall XR
Advair Diskus

OR

Search for drugs by condition:

Acne
ADHD
Allergies, Seasonal
Alzheimer's Disease
Arthritis (osteoarthritis)
Asthma

Search for drug by:

- ☒ Brand name
☐ Generic name

Enter all or partial drug name

Search

Search Tip: If you are not able to find your medication by brand name, switch the search type to generic.

For supplies, [click here](#) for more information.



DrugCompare™ for NEXIUM

Spouse, dependent, or retired military personnel

Select ↓	Medication	Type	Cost shares/Copays:			Notes
			Military Pharmacy (up to a 90-days supply)	TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (up to a 90-days supply)	Retail Network (up to a 30-days supply)	
☐	NEXIUM CAPSULE DR	Brand	Non-formulary	\$22.00	\$22.00	Formulary alternatives are listed on this page. If non-formulary medications are determined to be medically necessary , lower formulary copay applies. Effective 17 July 2005, Nexium is designated as non-formulary under the DoD Uniform Formulary .

Similar Medications (please consult your healthcare provider)

☐	OMEPRAZOLE CAPSULE DR	Generic	\$0.00 BCF Item	\$3.00	\$3.00	
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☐	PREVACID DR SUSP REC	Brand	\$0.00*	\$9.00	\$9.00	
☐	PREVACID TAB RAP DR	Brand	\$0.00*	\$9.00	\$9.00	
☐	PROTONIX TABLET DR	Brand	\$0.00*	\$9.00	\$9.00	
☐	ZEGERID PACKET	Brand	\$0.00*	\$9.00	\$9.00	





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■ What's New

Further guidance regarding the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit Program Formulary Management policy (HA Policy 04-032), is available on the [TRICARE website](#). The 19 Dec 2005 guidance addresses local MTF blanket purchase agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Medical Necessity Forms for Alpha Blockers for BPH, Calcium Channel Blockers, and ACE Inhibitors are now posted on the [TRICARE Pharmacy website](#). These forms are in PDF format -- if you're looking for Word versions, please see the "DoD P&T Library" forum on RxNet.

Agenda and registration form posted for the 2006 DoD Pharmacoeconomics & Pharmacy Benefit Conference, Jan 8-11, San Antonio, TX

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The Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee's mission is to uniformly, consistently, and equitably provide appropriate drug therapy to meet the clinical needs of DoD beneficiaries in an effective, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner. [Minutes of DoD P&T Committee meetings and the Committee's charter](#) are available on the [DoD P&T Committee homepage](#) on the [TRICARE Pharmacy](#) website.

DoD P&T Committee Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Drug Classes Under Review* / Information for Manufacturers** (click on drug class name)	Summary of UF Recommendations sent to Beneficiary Advisory Panel	Final Decisions & Minutes
17-19 May 2005	Topical Antifungals (dermatologic), Phosphodiesterase-5 Inhibitors, Multiple Sclerosis Disease Modifying Drugs	Available See "June 27, 2005 BAP Meeting Agenda"	Available See "May 2005 - Minutes and Decision Paper..."
16-18 Aug 2005	Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors, BPH Alpha Blockers, Calcium Channel Blockers	Available See "September 28, 2005 BAP Meeting - Background Information "	Available See "August 2005 - Minutes and Decision Paper..."
15-17 Nov 2005	Antidepressants excluding MAOIs & TCAs Alzheimer's Disease agents	Available See "December 16, 2005 BAP	-





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This page is intended to provide MTFs with a single jumping off point for Uniform Formulary (UF) information, including changes to the Basic Core Formulary (BCF) and Extended Core Formulary (ECF). The [Table of UF Decisions](#) below provides links to multiple resources, organized by DoD P&T Committee meeting date and drug class.

Background

- **The DoD P&T Committee** meets quarterly to make recommendations concerning the status of medications on the Uniform Formulary, which affects both MTFs and the purchased care sector, and the Basic Core Formulary (BCF) or Extended Core Formulary (ECF), which affect only MTFs. [Minutes of DoD P&T Committee meetings](#) are sent to MTFs and posted on the TRICARE Pharmacy website about 8 weeks after the meeting, after final decisions on the Committee's recommendations are made by the Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA).
- **The Beneficiary Advisory Panel** - meets about 6 weeks after DoD Committee meetings to comment on DoD P&T Committee recommendations. The [agenda and background material for the Beneficiary Advisory Panel \(BAP\)](#) are posted about a week prior to the BAP meeting. These materials contain a summary of the DoD P&T Committee's UF recommendations, but do not include BCF/ECF recommendations or specific medical necessity criteria.
- **BCF/ECF Changes** - A [combined listing of medications on the BCF or ECF](#) is available on the PEC website. Changes to the BCF or ECF are posted a few days after final UF decisions are made by the Director, TMA. Definitions of the BCF and ECF are available on the [main BCF/ECF page](#). Listings are provided by [therapeutic class](#) and by [generic name](#).
- **Upcoming Meetings** - [Information about drug classes to be reviewed by the DoD P&T Committee at upcoming meetings](#) is maintained on an ongoing basis on the PEC website. MTF personnel, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and other interested parties can sign up to be notified about changes to the review schedule.
- **Provider Opinion** - The PEC starts preparing clinical reviews of drug classes to be reviewed by the DoD P&T Committee 6 or even 9 months prior to the Committee's final review and recommendation. A key part of this process are provider surveys, typically sent to MTF providers through Service specialty leaders (depending on the drug class under review) and posted on [RxNet, the PEC's webforum](#).
- **Formulary Management Sheets** - 1-2 page documents containing essential information to assist MTFs in implementing Uniform Formulary decisions. Sent to MTFs and posted on [RxNet](#) and the PEC website (see table below) about 7-10 days after final UF decisions are made by the Director, TMA.

- [Table of UF & BCF/ECF Decisions](#)

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- [Basic Core Formulary & Extended Core Formulary Listings](#)
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Table of Uniform Formulary Decisions (including changes to the BCF & ECF)

Meeting Date (links to DoD P&T minutes)	Drug or Drug Class	Decision Date	Type of Action	Action	Resources / Comments
Nov 05	Antidepressants I	Pending	Class review	Decision pending; BAP meeting 16 Dec 05	Pending
Nov 05	Alzheimers Meds	Pending	Class review	Decision pending; BAP meeting 16 Dec 05	Pending
Nov 05	Nasal Corticosteroids	Pending	Class review	Decision pending; BAP meeting 16 Dec 05	Pending
Nov 05	Macrolides/Ketolides	Pending	Class review	Decision pending; BAP meeting 16 Dec 05	Pending
Aug 05	Alpha Blockers for BPH	13 Oct 05	Class review	Effective 15 Feb 06 (120-day implementation period), tamsulosin (Flomax) is designated as NF under UF. MTF implementation period: 13 Oct 05 - 15 Feb 06. Class is designated as a BCF class. BCF selections in this class are terazosin, alfuzosin (Uroxatral).	Formulary management sheet MN Criteria MN Form (Word version) on RxNet MN form (PDF version) on TRICARE Pharmacy site
Aug 05	CCBs	13 Oct 05	Class review	Effective 15 Mar 06 (150-day implementation period), the following medications are designated as NF under UF: amlodipine, isradipine, nifedipine, verapamil ER (Verelan, Verelan PM, Covera HS), diltiazem ER (Cardizem LA). MTF implementation period: 13 Oct 05 - 15 Mar 06. Class is designated as a BCF class. BCF selections in this class are: nifedipine ER (Adalat CC); verapamil SR; diltiazem ER (Tiazac).	Formulary management sheets (two versions: DHPs & non-DHPs) MN Criteria MN Form (Word version) on RxNet MN form (PDF version) on TRICARE Pharmacy site (two versions, DHPs and non-DHPs)
Aug 05	ACEIs & ACEI/HCTZ Combos	13 Oct 05	Class review	Effective 15 Feb 06 (120-day implementation period), the following medications are designated as NF under UF: moexipril +/-HCTZ, perindopril, quinapril +/-HCTZ, ramipril. MTF implementation period: 13 Oct 05 - 15 Feb 06. Class is designated as a BCF class. BCF selections in this class are: captopril, lisinopril, lisinopril/HCTZ.	Formulary management sheet MN criteria (two versions; ACEI only and ACEI/HCTZ combos) MN Form (Word version) on RxNet MN form (PDF version) on TRICARE Pharmacy site
Aug 05	Sildenafil (Revatio)	13 Oct 05	New drug review	New drug in previously reviewed class (PDE-5 inhibitors). New sildenafil product for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (also known as primary pulmonary hypertension); not approved for erectile dysfunction. Added to UF. PA required (added to PDE-5 inhibitor PA).	PDE-5 inhibitor PA criteria and PA form available on the TRICARE Pharmacy Prior Authorization page (listed under brand names (Cialis, Levitra, Viagra))
Aug 05	Pramlintide	13 Oct 05	New drug review	PA required.	Pramlintide (Symlin) PA criteria and PA form available on the TRICARE Pharmacy



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